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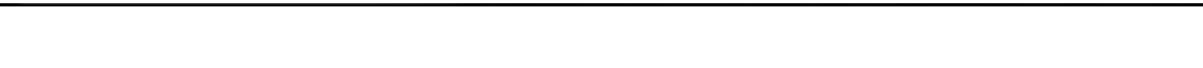
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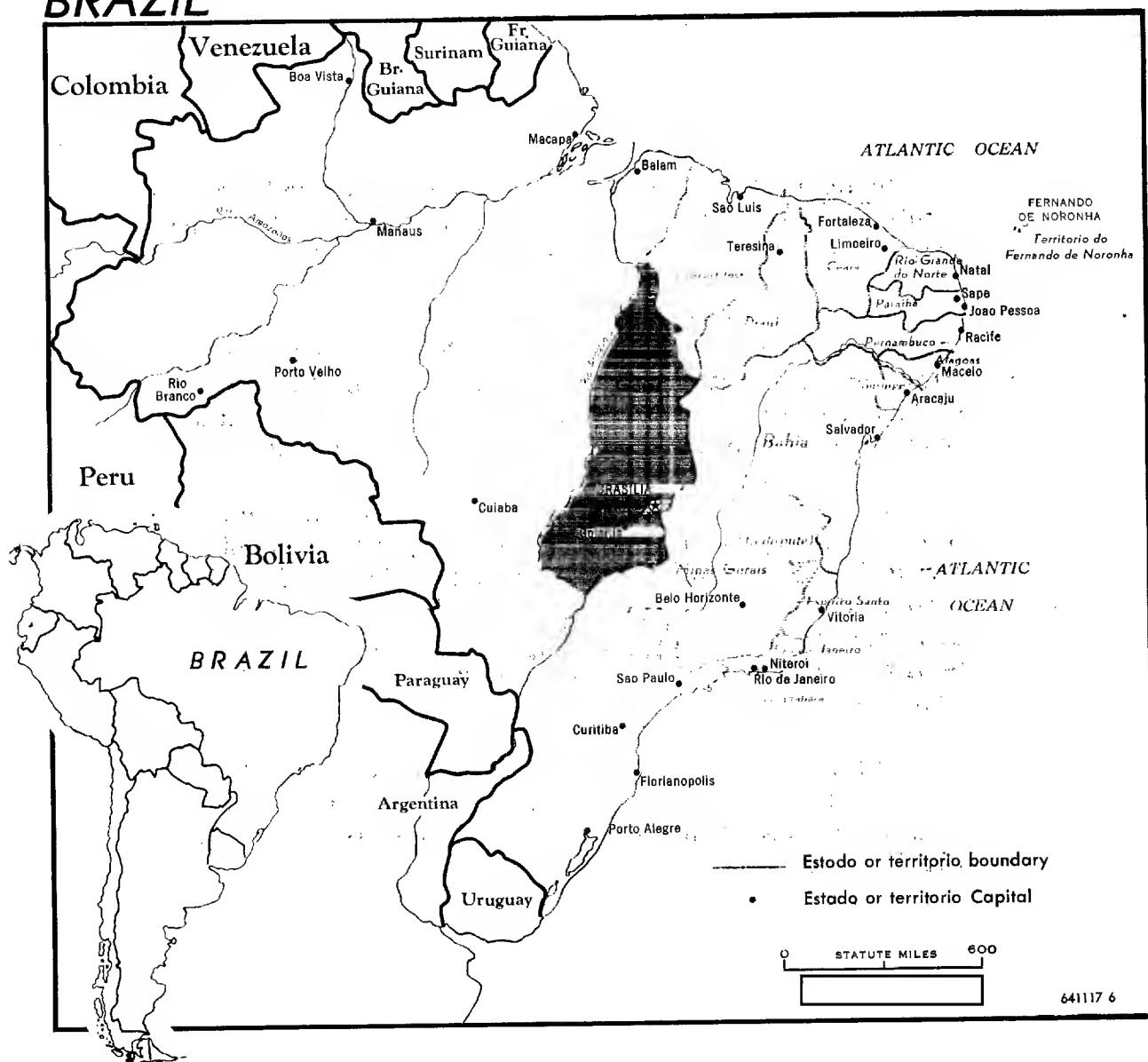
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Indonesia: The land reform courts soon to be established will help the Communists organize Indonesia's large peasant population.

As announced this week, the courts will be administered by pro-Communist Justice Minister Astrawinata. He has stated that they will be staffed by "revolutionary peasants," presumably including many members of the Communist-controlled Peasant Front.

The Peasant Front, with a claimed membership of 8.5 million, is the Communists' largest and most active front organization. It had long advocated land reform courts as a means of proceeding against government officials as well as landlords considered to be thwarting laws on crop sharing and land reappportionment.

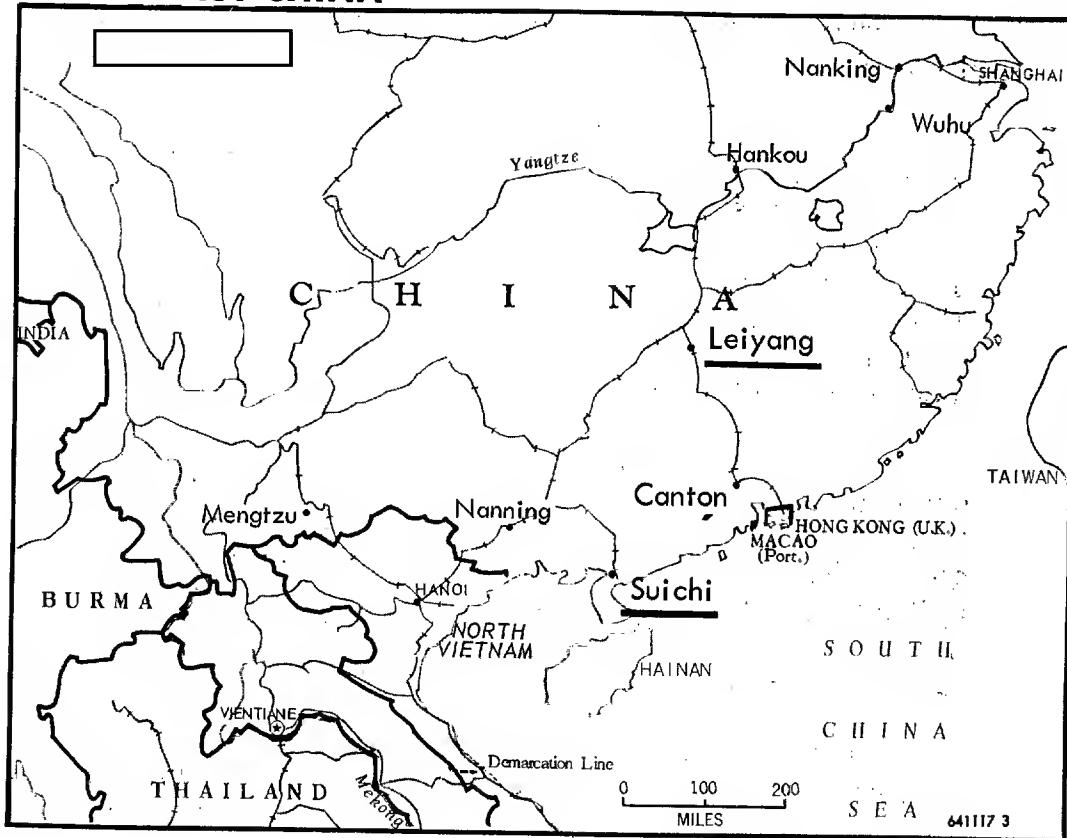
The Indonesian peasantry, comprising some 70 percent of the country's population, has been the Communist Party's principal target for some time. [redacted]

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COMMUNIST CHINA

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Brazil: The possibility of federal intervention in the state of Goias appears to be growing.

The tension recently generated in the state by Brasilia's threat to arrest Governor Mauro Borges on charges of subversion has been heightened by the theft on Saturday of some federal arms and ammunition in Anapolis. Federal troops have since been sent into the state. At the same time, Borges apparently mobilized local police units and is said to have issued arms to his civilian supporters.

The Brazilian Supreme Court is expected to rule soon on a petition by Borges asking for legal protection against arrest which could precipitate a showdown. Granting of the petition could lead to efforts by "hard-line" military elements to force the government to intervene in Goias, while its rejection might impel Borges to use force to defend himself.

Although serious bloodshed still appears unlikely, scattered acts of violence may occur within Goias. In any case, intervention probably would further worsen certain political strains within the federal government which have already been aggravated by the Borges affair. [REDACTED] (Map)

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Turkey: Military leaders have openly reminded civilian politicians that the military retains ultimate power in Turkey. An open letter from General Staff chief Sunay warns that the high command "cannot remain indifferent to abuses and belittling remarks" against the army. Sunay may wish to advise the opposition Justice Party that its choice of a new leader at the party's convention next week must be acceptable to the army. The new party leader could become the country's next prime minister.

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